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large number of deaths from tuberculosis, amounting to 204 cases. Tetanus, 58 cases are reported; it seems that in these tropical climates the slightest wound will produce tetanus. The most serious items in this list are the diseases of the digestive organs, among them dysentery with 363 cases. Entero-colitis 107 cases, and 90 of enteritis, without mentioning the long list of deaths from other digestive troubles.

The reason of such large number of deaths from digestive diseases has, no doubt, its origin in the bad condition of the drinking water; it should be remembered that in this city no suitable drinking water exists, except such as is gathered by well-to-do people in their rain tanks. The poorer classes drink the brackish water of the lake or water gathered in holes during the rainy season.

Of interest is also the small number of deaths produced by snake bites; the reason, I presume, is the very thin population of the State outside of Maracaibo, and the few small adjoining towns. Of the deaths among the Indian tribes which roam in this State, no record is known.

I have the honor to be, sir, your most obedient servant,

E. H. PLUMACHER,
United States Consul.

The honorable the ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure.]

MORTALITY IN MARACAIBO, VENEZUELA, DURING THE YEAR 1898.

Total deaths from all causes	2,285
Yellow fever	2
Typhoid fever	24
Dysenteric fever	31
Fever, not specified	183
Pernicious fever	43
Various fevers	22
Total for all fevers	305
Tetanus	47
Traumatic	41
Infantile	38
Tuberculosis—pulmonary	118
Intestinal	10
Laryngeal	6
Not specified	70
Dysentery	363
Entero-colitis	107
Enteritis	90
Deaths from snake bites	7

FOREIGN STATISTICAL REPORTS.

AUSTRALIA—*New South Wales—Sydney.*—Month of April, 1899. Estimated population, 426,950. Total number of deaths, 453, including diphtheria, 3; enteric fever, 11; scarlet fever, 1; whooping cough, 15, and 31 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Queensland—Brisbane.—Month of March, 1899. Estimated population, 105,734. Total number of deaths, 118, including diphtheria, 6; enteric fever, 4; scarlet fever, 5; whooping cough, 2, and 8 from phthisis pulmonalis.

BERMUDA.—Two weeks ended June 9, 1899. Estimated population, 15,013. No deaths and no contagious diseases.

BRAZIL—*Ceara.*—Month of May, 1899. Estimated population, 50,000. Total number of deaths, 171. No contagious diseases reported.

CANADA—*Province of Ontario.*—Reports to the provincial board of health for the month of March, 1899, from 730 municipalities having an aggregate population of 2,271,750, show a total of 2,361 deaths, including diphtheria, 25; enteric fever, 17; measles, 2; scarlet fever, 36; whooping cough, 9, and 235 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Reports for the month of April from 736 municipalities, having an aggregate population of 2,275,286, show a total of 2,073 deaths, including diphtheria, 33; enteric fever, 15; measles, 4; scarlet fever, 28; whooping cough, 7, and 257 from phthisis pulmonalis.

COLOMBIA—*Colon.*—Two weeks ended June 13, 1899. Estimated population, 8,000. Total number of deaths, 9. No contagious diseases reported.

FRANCE—*Roubaix.*—Month of May, 1899. Estimated population, 126,454. Total number of deaths, 202, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 1, and 5 from whooping cough.

GERMANY—*Dresden.*—Month of April, 1899. Estimated population, 388,300. Total number of deaths, 597, including diphtheria, 7; enteric fever, 4; measles, 4; scarlet fever, 3; whooping cough, 3; la grippe, 8, and 86 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Gluachau.—Month of May, 1899. Estimated population, 27,000. Total number of deaths, 64, including diphtheria, 1, and 4 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Weimar.—Month of May, 1899. Estimated population, 24,438. Total number of deaths, 37, including 1 from measles.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales.*—The deaths registered in 33 great towns in England and Wales during the week ended June 10, 1899, correspond to an annual rate of 16.4 a thousand of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,404,408. The highest rate was recorded in Manchester, viz, 22.9, and the lowest in Norwich, viz, 11.0.

London.—One thousand three hundred and sixty-five deaths were registered during the week, including smallpox, 1; measles, 93; scarlet fever, 5; diphtheria, 28; whooping cough, 27; enteric fever, 7, and diarrhea and dysentery, 12. The deaths from all causes correspond to an annual rate of 15.7 a thousand. In Greater London, 1,822 deaths were registered, corresponding to an annual rate of 14.6 a thousand of the population. In the "outer ring" the deaths included 8 from diphtheria, 21 from measles, 3 from scarlet fever, and 9 from whooping cough.

Ireland.—The average annual death rate represented by the deaths registered during the week ended June 10, 1899, in the 23 principal town districts of Ireland was 21.5 a thousand of the population, which is estimated at 1,053,188. The lowest rate was recorded in Carrickfergus, viz, 0.0, and the highest in Ballymena, viz, 45.1 a thousand. In Dublin and suburbs 169 deaths were registered, including diphtheria,

1; enteric fever, 4; influenza, 6; scarlet fever, 2; whooping cough, 3, and 1 from beriberi.

Scotland.—The deaths registered in 8 principal towns during the week ended June 10, 1899, correspond to an annual rate of 18.9 a thousand of the population, which is estimated at 1,587,414. The lowest mortality was recorded in Leith, viz, 14.1, and the highest in Perth, viz, 23.7 a thousand. The aggregate number of deaths registered from all causes was 576, including diphtheria, 2; measles, 25; scarlet fever, 5, and whooping cough, 16.

ITALY—*Rome.*—Two weeks ended January 28, 1899. Estimated population, 500,610. Total number of deaths, 397, including 5 from enteric fever.

Month of February. Total number of deaths, 772, including enteric fever, 11, and 2 from measles.

Month of March. Total number of deaths, 854, including 9 from enteric fever.

Month of April. Total number of deaths, 737, including 8 from enteric fever.

MALTA.—Two weeks ended May 15. Estimated population, 180,328. Total number of deaths, 156, including whooping cough, 1, and 28 from Mediterranean fever.

NICARAGUA—*San Juan.*—Month of May, 1899. Estimated population, 1,157. Total number of death, 3. No contagious diseases.

PARAGUAY—*Asuncion.*—Two weeks ended May 15, 1899. Estimated population, 45,000. Total number of deaths, 35, including 3 from enteric fever.